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Emphasizing that Literacy Links is a program for young children with little exposure to literacy activities at home, the book explains exactly how Literacy Links works to provide the background knowledge these children need to succeed. The book offers strategies to help literacy-deprived young learners. The book's educator/author has found that giving students the opportunity to experience family storybook reading at school works best. It offers four ways to reconstruct that experience and develop emergent literacy by: organizing small separate kindergarten classes that respond to the children's needs and progress; training adults to conduct family storybook reading within a regular school day; building the literacy knowledge of small groups through a balanced read-aloud program and writing workshop; and setting up a summer school program for children who would benefit from more reading and writing. Appended are selected targeted book lists and activities forms. Contains an approximately 180-item bibliography of professional books and journals and a list of children's books cited. (NKA)

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